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Kinston, N.C.
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Mr. Abe Manley, Owner
NEWARK EAGLES BASE BALL CLUB
101 Montgomery Street
Newark, N.J.

Dear Mr. Manley,

I trust that this letter will find you well, in the best of health and with a winning ball club, I am trying to keep up with you and the club because as I have often told you I am very much interested.

This time I am asking aid or anything else that you can give me.

Here is the set-up: Waters and Hobgood had signed some kind of contracts with W.A. Whitehead for a period of two(2) years, they were duly notarized and signed by both parties, after Whitehead found out that I was responsible for them going with you to Florida, he issued a Court Injunction against me for sending his property out of the state.

I asked a lawyer if he could do such a thing, he told me that if he had evidence that the players were under contract he had a right to do so. He also stated that he would settle for a sum of \$ 25.00 for each player, I did not know what to do so after Waters came back I told the court that one player had returned, so the injunction was reduced to only \$ 25.00.

Now in my job I am not allowed to be in court under any conditions so I have already paid Whitehead \$ 15.00 and promised to pay him the remaining \$ 10.00 later, as I had rather lose \$ 25.00 than a job paying as much as \$1500 per year.

Whitehead is the same man that had the Williams boy under contract here in Kinston that time when you came here from Wilson to get him, the reason that he is doing these things is because we are not playing with him this year but with a different man and he is unable to have a team.

Although I would not recommend Hobgood I hope that you are able to use him as I told you that he has promising abilities.

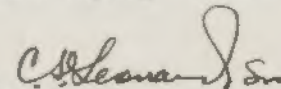
If you plan to keep Hobgood, please let me know and if it is possible try to help me pay that injunction as I am married now and with a family I am not able to let dough go like that but however I was willing to pay that amount in an effort to stay out of trouble.

Hobgood will be able to tell you more about those contracts that they signed when they first started playing here.

Give my regards to the boys that I know and Mrs. Manley.

Wishing you much luck and still trying to find you a good ball player now and then.

Yours truly,


C.D. Leonard, Sr.